

Royal Officers of Amaranth Installed In Formal Ceremony

Installation of Helen Wilson as Royal Matron and her brother, Frank Schmidt, as Royal Patron of Lomita Court No. 51, Order of Amaranth, was celebrated at the Torrance-Masonic Temple last week with Frances Hathaway serving as installation chairman.

The new Royal Matron, gowned in white and carrying an arm bouquet of red roses was greeted by a hall filled to capacity by members of the order and friends. Members from her association were present from all parts of Southern California.

Supreme Matron to Bernuda, Cosby Gilstrap, was present and acted as uncrowning matron for Maybelle Spencer, Junior Past Royal Matron.

Grand officers present included Eunice Sorenson, grand royal matron; Thomas Toner, grand royal patron; Lela Bohn, grand associate matron; Octa Perry, grand associate conductress; Dora Hoppe, grand lecturer and lecturer for the Lomita Court, and Lura Womack, grand trustee.

Other officers inducted included Estella Des Jardins, associate matron; Leonard Babcock, associate patron; Ada Anderson, treasurer; Halle Parbois, secretary; Mattie Meyer, conductress; C. Esther Colbert, associate conductress; William Sykes, trustee; Edna Mullins, marshal in the east; Myrtle Keith, marshal in the west; Marie Korber, stand ar bearer; Rose Schmidt, prelate; Edna Babcock, musician, and Hanna Norton, historian. Ann Long was installed as

Mothers Club Makes Plans During Meet

The George Crabtree home at 1755 Gramercy Ave., was the setting for the meeting of Job's Daughters Mothers Club last Wednesday evening. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Crabtree were Mrs. S. K. Campbell.

During the business session presided over by Mrs. Oscar Olson plans were discussed for the rummage sale, which will be sponsored by the club May 9 and 10. An all-day gathering for sewing and pressing items for the sale will take place May 7 at the Crabtree home, with a pot-luck luncheon at noon.

The mothers will assist Mrs. Leonard Babcock, guardian, with a Masonic dinner May 2, beginning at noon. Job's Daughters and members of the Mothers Club are also sponsoring a paper drive that will continue through July. Papers may be taken to the Earl Wells Barber Shop any day after 8 a.m., it was announced.

Also heard during the business meeting was a treasurer's report by Mrs. Amelia McKnight. Refreshments served by the hostesses concluded the day.

District PTA Affirms Aims At Convention

"Our objectives translated into action" was the theme of the recent annual convention of First District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, attended by representatives of Torrance elementary schools and the high school.

Culminating the sessions in Long Beach Municipal Auditorium was the 1952-1953 resolution, endorsed by all PTA representatives, including those of Torrance.

The resolution affirmed the PTA ideals by stating: "We will promote happiness and understanding in the homes of our children by maintaining the stability and inspiration of a normal home life, which is based on the interdependence and cooperation of every member of the family."

"We will continue to stand firm in unity and steadfastness of purpose, resolved to preserve the democratic spirit of our children, to strive toward the building of a world in which truth and justice, equality and freedom, are ideals valued, achieved and maintained for all mankind."

Torrance schools represented by PTA members included Torrance Elementary, Torrance High, North Torrance, Seaside, Frances Dastarc and Edna Perry, Walteria and Fern Ave.



"Y" WEEK PROCLAIMED . . . One of the first official acts of Torrance's new mayor, Marvin M. Schwab, was the proclamation of National YWCA Week in the City of Torrance. Shown with Mayor Schwab after he affixed his signature to the official paper is Mrs. Lee Stamps, chairman of the Torrance branch YWCA. The proclamation states, in part: " . . . The blue triangle of the YWCA is a symbol of fellowship to women and girls of every race, class and creed—a symbol of an organization which is working for a better community, a better nation and a better world. For four years the Torrance YWCA has provided a program . . . for personal growth and creative fellowship in the Christian way of life." (Herald photo).

Mrs. Stamps Chosen for Electoral Job

Mrs. Lee Stamps, chairman of the Torrance branch committee on administration, was elected to the 1952 nominating committee of the Harbor District YWCA.

Serving with Mrs. Stamps will be Mrs. Loraine Harper of Wilmington, Mmes. Alfred Jorgensen, Oscar Djerf and Paul Dwight, all of San Pedro.

News of the election was revealed at the annual Harbor District Y meeting Wednesday evening in San Pedro, with Mrs. C. R. Halfpenny, president of the board of directors, presiding. Dr. Wilbert L. Hindman, associate professor at USC, was guest speaker and was introduced by Mrs. A. W. Warnock.

Garden Tour Dates Set by Woman's Club

Plans are being completed for a garden tour of homes in Palos Verdes Estates which will be sponsored May 2 and 3 by the garden section of the Palos Verdes Woman's Club.

Mrs. Hal Rakeck of 628 Calle Miramar in Hollywood Riviera is chairman of the group planning the tour, and is being assisted by Mrs. Alvin Schmidt and Mrs. T. O. Cullins.

Proceeds from the event which will take place from one until five o'clock on both days, will be used for a memorial garden honoring boys who lost their lives during World War II.

Individual tickets are \$1.25 and may be purchased with a map showing the route of the tour, in front of the Plaza Drug Store in Palos Verdes.

MUCH ADO ABOUT . . .

By MARJIE MEYER

Consider this week the matter of Torrance organizations for women—or rather, what really is the matter, the lack of them. Consider, too, the absence of local social groups, a separate, but not too different, entity.

New homes, and consequently, new home-owners and their families, have appeared with amazing speed within the boundaries of Torrance, some 18.88 square miles, according to the Chamber of Commerce.

How, well these new families have become a part of the civic and social life of the city is a moot question, but so is the action taken by civic and social groups to include them.

From behind our desk we have noticed the lack of clubs. A few, plus the majority of membership in any organization. And many of these women are the "old guard," i.e., have lived here for more than five years.

There are very few "interest" groups, the most "fun" of any kind. They enable people with common pursuits of one kind or another: sewing, ceramics, artificial flower-making, etc. to exchange ideas, work on their current projects and become acquainted with one another.

There are few "philanthropic" groups—at least for women. There need not necessarily be the type wherein each member is asked to give money. There is, as we pointed out in an earlier column, a great need for

Party Employs Stork Theme

Blue and white formed the color scheme chosen by Mrs. A. W. Lambrigger of 1864 257 St. Lomita, last week when she hosted an anticipation show for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dale Dandoy.

The traditional stork hovered over gifts presented to the honoree. Games were played and favors given to Mmes. Dandoy, Tom Shepherd, Paul Schneider and Merritt Rowe.

Others bidden to the party, which was given April 11, were Mmes. Dewey Brown, Betty Davis, William Souza, Albert Spaan, Ernest Dandoy, Norman C. Dandoy and Tom Biglin.

YWCA Week To Open In Torrance, Other Cities

National YWCA Week officially opens today, and a full calendar has been arranged for the Torrance "Y" and the main YWCA in San Pedro, of which it is a branch.

Today is "Y" day in the churches, and members of the YWCA are attending the church of their choice. From 9 until 1 p.m. a waffle breakfast is being served in the San Pedro YWCA, 437 S. Ninth St., by the Young Business Women's Association. Proceeds will benefit the Astorian conference.

The membership drive will conclude tomorrow and the Harbor District membership committee will meet at 1:30 in the San Pedro Y. Torriadear Y. Teens will meet in Torrance and Beta Y-Teens will gather in Lomita.

Tuesday afternoon at 3:10 the newly formed hobby group for teen-agers will convene at the Torrance YWCA. The Live Yers and Debonaire Y-Teens will meet at 7 p.m. in the Torrance Y. Also on Tuesday, members of the Torrance YWCA will petition the City Council for lights in the park, and the public affairs committee for the district will meet at 7:30 in the San Pedro Y.

From 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, the colorful Nationalities Membership Silver Tea will be presented in the San Pedro YWCA. This traditional feature of

PV College Fosters Host Breakfast for Young People

Breakfast in a room overlooking the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Foster of 1023 Kornblum Ave. was enjoyed last Sunday by members of Mr. Foster's Sunday School class at First Methodist Church.

The young people, all members of the high school class, attended Easter sunrise services at Green Hills Memorial Park prior to the breakfast.

Table decorations were created by Mary Lou Hutchinson and Carolyn Chapman, members of the class. A pink theme pervaded the decor of egg-shell turlips and miniature rabbits.

Guests of honor were Rev. Clarence Miller, minister of the church, and Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Ransom, the Sunday School superintendent, and his wife, Mrs. S. L. Chapman and Mrs. Maude R. Obarr, mother of the hostess, assisted with refreshments.

Guests included Misses Anna Belle Gleason, Virginia Buchanan, Janice Crabtree, Mary Lou Hutchinson, Janie Moffatt, Anna Lee Miller, Kathleen McGinley, Lois Boyles, Carolyn Chapman, Carol Maloy and Mr. Wayne Hollins.

many have not yet acquired a community aspect in themselves. Remember, though, there is no more fertile land than "home" in which to start.

A long time ago, when we first wrote this column, we included an unflattering comment on male drivers. Said column was sent to our husband, a Navy pilot now overseas. On receipt of same he wrote, "If you're going to be fair about this thing, tell your readers about the way you bumped into my car the day before we were married."

This true. We hang our blushing face. We apologize to other blushing male drivers, but STILL think they're as bad if not worse than their better halves!

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Timely Tips

That old boogie, Spring House-cleaning, is here again! Take it in your stride, but take a few hints, too, to make things easier for you and end up with a sparkling, shiny home that looks bright as new:

When washing walls, remember to start from the bottom and wash upward. If you wash from the top down the dribbles will create streaks and spots that will be hard to remove.

If curtains, particularly the more fragile, frilly ones, become overly soiled, don't wear them out with hard washing. Give them a double pre-soaking: that is, soak them once in tepid, sudsy water, gently squeeze out the soiled water, then soak them again in clean, new suds. After the double soaking much of the soil will be released so that hard washing won't be necessary. To make them fresh and white, add bluing to the wash water . . . the bead type is easy to use for it goes right into the washing water along with the all purpose soap or detergent. A little water softener helps, too.

Metal kitchen cabinets sometimes get stained on the inside from foods or moisture. Try painting them with aluminum paint. The silvery tone will blend with any color, and future spots can be touched up more easily for the new paint will blend with the old. Looks mighty fancy.

Rust stains on bath tubs or wash basins that won't come off with scouring powder usually disappear if rubbed with a slice of lemon. If this doesn't work, apply a weak solution of oxalic acid, but be sure to rinse it off after a minute or two or it will damage the surface.

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